

## ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to a device composed of a cover (1) and of an insert in the form of a shaft (5) inserted in the thickness of the front portion of the sole (9) and constituting a 5 journaled system, adapted to ensure control of the flexural rigidity of a shoe, in particular a snowboard boot, or adapted to ensure the protection of the front surface of the shoe, partially or in its entirety.

All of the elements forming the system can be removable.

The journal which it determines provides the cover with a front-to-rear mobility which is presented, in closed position (1/15), against the front surface of the shoe. Connected to the latter by retaining means specific to the shoe, the cover (1) offers, due to the properties and the shaping of its constituent materials, a resistance to the crushing and flexural and torsional deformation of the shoe in its front portion during use.

Figure of the abstract: Figure 2